

Americans, can take full pride in tonight and in the coming days that President Clinton took the tough stand, made the tough decisions, and ultimately brought Milosevic to the peace table and provided us an opportunity to once more see how great we as a country and as a nation can be.

Even though over the past few weeks we have not all been in complete agreement, we have not all been satisfied that all the things that were happening and that were occurring were being done according to the strategy or according to the game plan, but one thing that we do know tonight and that we have known since Milosevic came to the peace table is that we have so many thousands of refugees that are grateful for the role that the United States and NATO played in giving them the opportunity to go back and regain what they had, go back and take hold of what we hope is the future, the rest of their lives in their home country, in their home turf.

We heard a lot of the pundits night after night after night telling the American people and the audience worldwide that the refugees that had left their homes would never want to go back. They were wrong. They were wrong, and they should admit it. Just like they were wrong about the air strategy and the bombing campaign that it would never work, it worked. They should admit it.

Part of the compelling story, part of what I hope is chronicled in this campaign and in this great humanitarian effort led by the United States and NATO is the tremendous impact that it had on many thousands of individuals of every size and every age and every description, many thousands of individuals that were forced to flee their homes.

I would ask the American people tonight to stop and reflect for a moment what would happen to them personally if they were to suffer this contend of trauma, a trauma that to us is unimaginable, to us it is incomprehensible because we cannot even begin to imagine what it would be like to be forced out of our homes and to be forced into the refugee camps and the conditions of which my colleagues and I had a first-hand look, and conditions that today are going to be resolved by allowing these refugees to go back to their homeland.

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Mr. REYES. I am proud to be in the well of the House this evening to thank President Clinton and to thank the NATO alliance. Over and over in the past weeks we heard it would never hold together. It held together. It brought about the desired successful conclusion that is going to, I think, write yet another chapter in the great history of this country where we do not do things because they are easy, we do

not do things because they are simple, but we do do things, no matter how difficult the task, because they are the right thing to do.

I am proud of the President, I am proud of our men and women in uniform, and I am proud of those of my colleagues that stood with our President.

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I wish to conclude by saying that, in the final analysis, someone had to stop Milosevic in Kosovo. And given the current geopolitical global lineup, that someone was us. I just hope and pray that for the sake of peace in the region, that what has started now will continue and we will see a lasting peace. And that our troops in the region, who are being asked to act as peacekeepers, will be able to do their jobs successfully, efficiently, and as quickly as possible so they can all return to their families safely.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. TIAHRT (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending his daughter's high school graduation.

Mr. GILCREST (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and June 23 on account of official business.

Mr. DEFAZIO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and June 23 on account of official business.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through noon on Thursday, June 24th on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROEMER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SLAUGHTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FORD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FOLEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, on June 24.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today, June 23 and June 24.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2678. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—1999 Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports [CN-99-002] received June 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2679. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown In California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 1998-99 Zante Currant Raisins [Docket No. FV99-989-3 FIR] received June 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2680. A letter from the Director, Test, Systems Engineering & Evaluation, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of intent to obligate funds for out-of-cycle FY 1999 FCT projects and FY 2000 in-cycle FCT projects, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2350a(g); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2681. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report regarding the FY 1999 acquisition and support workforce reductions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2682. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Full Approval of 40 CFR Part 70 Operating Permit Program; State of North Dakota [ND-001a; FRL-6360-3] received June 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2683. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; Colorado; Revisions Regarding Negligibly Reactive Volatile Organic Compounds and Other Regulatory Revisions [CO-001-0027a, CO-001-0028a, & CO-001-0033a; FRL-6358-6] received June 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2684. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of VOC Emissions from Decorative Surfaces, Brake Shoe Coatings, Structural Steel Coatings, and Digital Imaging [MD-3039a; FRL-6357-5] received June 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2685. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program [PA 133-4087; FRL 6354-9] received June 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2686. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District [CA 187-150; FRL-6358-3] received June 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2687. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Control of Emissions From Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators; State of Iowa [IA 070-1070a] received June 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2688. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Louisiana [LA-51-1-7413a; FRL-6360-8] received June 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2689. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Texas [TX-108-1-7408a; FRL-6361-4] received June 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2690. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; 1990 NO_x Base Year Emission Inventory for the Philadelphia Ozone Nonattainment Area [PA121-4088a; FRL-6361-5] received June 11, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2691. A letter from the Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Access Charge Reform [CC Docket No. 96-45; CC Docket No. 96-262] received June 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2692. A letter from the Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—

Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Services [CC Docket No. 97-21; CC Docket No. 96-45] received June 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2693. A letter from the Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service [CC Docket No. 96-45] received June 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2694. A letter from the Governor, State of Kansas, transmitting a letter to President Clinton regarding the Roberts amendment in the Supplemental Appropriations bill now in conference committee; to the Committee on Commerce.

2695. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Secretary's determination and justification for authorizing the use in year 1999 of Economic Support Funds to provide a modest crowd-control training package for the Indonesian police in support of the June elections, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2261(a)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

2696. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, United States Information Agency, transmitting a report on U.S. Government-Sponsored International Exchanges and Training on a Review of the MESP and ATLAS Programs in South Africa; to the Committee on International Relations.

2697. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the 6-month period ending March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2698. A letter from the Comptroller General, transmitting a listing of new investigations, audits, and evaluations; to the Committee on Government Reform.

2699. A letter from the Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, transmitting a report prepared to clarify some of the statements in the Fourth Annual Report; to the Committee on Resources.

2700. A letter from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the annual report on the status of the United States Parole Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2701. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report on the methods that are used to implement and enforce the International Management code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention under Chapter IX of the Annex to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 216. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1658) to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-193). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 217. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.J. Res. 33) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (Rept. 106-194). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1653. A bill to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Russian Federation (Rept. 106-195). Referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 218. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2084) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-196). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CHABOT:

H.R. 2290. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on the chemical 2 Chloro Amino Toluene; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ANDREWS:

H.R. 2291. A bill to implement certain restrictions on purchases from Federal Prison Industries by the Secretary of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACHUS:

H.R. 2292. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to repeal the housing guaranty program under that Act; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself and Mr. STENHOLM):

H.R. 2293. A bill to reform the budget process; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. BERKLEY (for herself, Mrs.

ROUKEMA, Ms. DELAUNO, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. HOYER, Mr. FROST, Mr. BORSKI, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. RUSH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. WYNN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CARSON, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. WEINER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia):

H.R. 2294. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to help prevent osteoporosis; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. CAPPS:

H.R. 2295. A bill to terminate the participation of the Forest Service in the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program and to offset the revenues lost by such termination by prohibiting the use of appropriated